

Top of the truckers

COMPARED with the average truck driver, Dawn Luther stands out as an unlikely candidate for the job. But the 21-year-old daughter of a haulage contractor is ready to hit the road with her heavy goods vehicle licence if her modelling career takes a wrong turning. Not that it's expected to. Dawn, from Sussex, is heading straight to the top of the beauty business. She obviously knows every inch of the way.

Picture: BEN JONES



OLE! SPAIN ON THE CHEAP

BRITISH tourists in Spain can go on a spending spree—by courtesy of the Spanish government.

Yesterday's 20 per cent. devaluation of the peseta will put more money in their pockets to boost their holiday high jinks.

Save

A spokesman for the Association of British Travel Agents said yesterday: "This will mean cheaper holidays for half a million British families."

"A typical family will save up to £50 on their spending money during a fortnight in Spain."

In London yesterday Barclays Bank was offer-

ing holidaymakers 145 pesetas to the pound compared with only 113 last week.

But holidaymakers will not get a rebate on their package holiday price.

Most holiday firms have been offering customers guaranteed fixed prices to eliminate the embarrassing surcharges of past years caused by

the crumbling pound. But they have been able to do this only by ordering the pesetas they need in advance and entering into fixed price contracts with Spanish hoteliers, so there is no saving to pass on to holidaymakers.

Spain's devaluation is also good for British housewives. The devaluation ought to mean cheaper Spanish wines, sherries, oranges and marmalade.

Sunbather ends up in the soup

By MARGARET HALL

A SPOT of lunchtime sunbathing landed a young chap in the soup yesterday. He descended on his workmates from a great height—and left them thoroughly browned off.

His downfall began when he decided that the skylight window on the Monument telephone exchange in the City of London was the ideal sunny spot.

So it was—until it broke under his weight and he crashed into the canteen below... right into plates full of sausage and mash and steak and kidney pudding.

Hospital

Three post-office workers who were sitting at the dining table he crashed on to after his 18 ft. fall were cut by flying glass.

All four were taken to hospital. The falling sunbather, a telephone engineer, was treated for cuts and bruises. The others for cuts and concussion.

An inquiry into the incident was started immediately.

GERMAN GENERAL FOR THE TOMMIES

THIRTY-TWO years after the war, British soldiers are to take orders from a German general.

He is to take over as joint deputy commander of all allied forces in Europe. His name will be announced in the autumn.

News EXTRA

AMERICAN President Jimmy Carter gave the go-ahead last night to the death-ray bomb which kills people but leaves buildings intact.

He told the American Congress that he supports production of the neutron bomb, which gives out short-lived radiation. America has already tested the bomb in secret.

Band prangs

SEVERAL members of an Army junior band were recovering in hospital yesterday after their coach crashed while returning from an engagement in Skegness, Lincs.

POISON FEAR

THOUSANDS of children were warned not to touch a bottle of pink-coloured poison stolen from a car in Thamesmead, London, yesterday.

Sir prize!

SIR Guy Harrison, 94, who befriended a pigeon at his Torquay home has been rewarded—with an egg laid on his bed.

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'Ghost' ride man guilty

A TRAIN driver who disappeared from his cab was found guilty yesterday of being drunk and endangering life by abandoning the London to Glasgow express.

Sentence on driver Hugh Harvey, 42, was deferred until August 1 for social reports.

During the Dumfries trial it was stated that the "ghost" train travelled four miles without driver, and had to be halted by the guard.

Harvey, of Yoker, Glasgow, was found lying beside the track.

Putting rail drunks on the right lines

SECRET talks to combat drunkenness among railmen are being held by union and management officials.

The two sides are concerned that drunk-on-duty cases are increasing.

But the unions want British Rail to take a softer line with offenders.

Problem

They want them to be given medical treatment instead of the sack.

The talks were revealed yesterday after a call for a union probe into the problem by Glasgow branch of the National Union of Railwaymen.

NUR president Dave

By MIRROR REPORTER

Bowman said: "This is the first time we have got together to talk about a problem which has become increasingly apparent over the years."

"We want British Rail to deal with drunkenness as a sickness and not as a crime."

He added: "Their response has been that safety must be the prime objective and, of course we agree. But we

think there should be facilities for hospital treatment for these people, and rehabilitation."

The union's acting general secretary, Mr. Russell Tuck, said: "We don't believe a man should be sacked just because he has got drunk. It is an illness, and British Rail has been very slow to realise the fact."

He stressed that only a small portion of drink cases involved railmen actually operating trains or signals.